(b) whether any special measures have been taken to detects and control the disease amongst children and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The ICMR conducted an epidemiological study in six centres in between 1972 to 1975 on the prevalence of diabets in the country. The prevalence was reported to be around 1.73 per cent, the highest incidence was reported in Ahmedabad—2.86 per cent and the lowest in Delhi 1.23 per cent. In the 21—30 year age group, the prevalence was 0.38 per cent in urban areas and 0.34 per cent in rural areas. In Ahmedabad with the highest prevalence, no case of diabet was recoceded in the 16—20 year age group. The above data would indicate, therefore that the prevalence of diabets in younger age groups is likely to be extremely low. Regarding studies on diabetes outside India, the prevalence of diabetes in Asian population has been found to be much lower than the western countries. For example, in Japan, the prevalence in the 0.18 year age group is 4—6 per one lakh.

(b) Action has already been initited in the Seventh Five Year Plan to start District Diabetes Control Programme, which is expected to cover on a pilot basis 5 districts in the country where the Primary Health Services. The programme also deintegrated with the National School Health Serces. The programme also aims at Community Education and awareness of diabetes mellitus.

Construction of Rail Yatri Niwas in Delhi

*150. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleeased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rail Yatri Niwas in Delhi has been constructed in complete violation of the Delhi Urban Arts Commissions Act, 1973 and that notice has been served for its demolition;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the circumstances under which the Rail Yatri Niwas was constructed without prior approval of the Delhi Urban Arts Commission; and

(c) what is the estimated loss likely to be suffered by Government in the event of its demolition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) It is true that a notice was served by Delhi Municipal Corporation on 13.3.87 to stop construction of Rail Yatri Niwas and to show cause why the construction made till then should not be demolished.

(b) As the Rail Yatri Niwas was an operational' building prior approval of the Delhi Urban Arts Commission was not necessary.

(c) The estimated cost of the building is Rs. 205 lakhs. It is unlikely that the building will have to be demolished since. on receipt of Delhi Development Authority's clearance, Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reconsidered this issue and approved the lay out plan of the building.

Vayudoot Aircraft overshot runway on Calcutta Coochbehar route

*151. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Vayudoot aircraft on Calcutta-Coochbehar route recently overshot the runway and got bugged down in a marshy field;

(b) whether any passengers were injured as a result thereof; and

(c) what is the extent of damage caused thereby to the aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The nose landing gear was broken and the nose under-carriage area sustained substantial damage.

Resentment against selection of technology for main Telephone Exchanges

*152. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telecom Engineers of the Department of Telecommunications and the ITI have been resenting Government's decision in the selection of technology for main telephone exchanges which, according to their view, would gravely jeopardise the National Telecommunication Mission; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the nature of the controversy and the reasons for selectig the technology ignoring the views of the Telecom Engineers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Study of Sanskrit as an independent subject

*153. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the removal of Sanskrit as an optional Subject under the three language formula in the New Education Policy, Government have considered the question of its affect on the Sanskrit departments and institutions of higher learning in the country besides development of Sanskrit language;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons for taking such a decision; and

(c) whether Government propose to re-cosider the decision to provide for the study of Sanskrit language as an independent subject?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The National Policy on Education 1986 has reiterated the policy in respect of languages including three language formula contained in the National Policy on Education 1968.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Central Government is not considering any change in the three language formula.

Construction of New Airports

*154. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct new airports and improve the condition of existing ones, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what are the places selected for constructing new airports in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) New airports are under construction at Agatti and Calicut. Subject to availability of resources, it is proposed to develop new airports at Gangtok, Itanagar, Kishtwar, Lunglei, Misa, Pondicherry, Rajouri, Salem, Tura and Tuticorin.

While the expansion and improvement of airports is a continuing process, it is